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LETTER TO THE EXAMINER SUBMITTING
CORRECTED AND FORMAL DRAWINGS

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Sir:

In accordance with the requirement in Paper No. 4, mailed April 23, 2003, wherein the Examiner required that corrected drawings be filed, Applicant herewith submits copies of Figs. 1A-1C showing the required changes in red ink.

Also attached are (3) sheets of formal drawings incorporating the required changes.

It is respectfully requested that the proposed drawing changes be approved and the formal drawings be entered in the above-referenced application.

Respectfully submitted,

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